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General File. There was some discussion of objection. We actually are back to where he has suggested that it go to the Reference Committee and be referred to the Constitutional Revision Committee. But it is your motion so instruct the Chair as to what you would prefer. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, Mr. President, it's not unusual to do this and committee hearing in my judgment would not serve any good purpose except to conform to past procedures. Now, I would presume this is a matter that this Body is going to have to determine, whether you're willing or not to submit to the people of this state without a hearing by expediting this resolution which can be done and have the same effect as a bill. I see no harm in doing it because this Body ought to understand whether they're in favor of the sessions as they now are, one each year or one every two years. Now, all you're doing, you're putting on the ballot, nothing else. Now, as far as I personally am concerned, I prefer to leave it like it is but I don't think that I should prevail or others in like position to give the people in this case an opportunity to vote on something they would understand. By that I mean it's a simple thing, do you want this Body to meet once every year or once every two years. And we've all got the reasons why we want one or the other but I think the thing has been into effect a short period of time and I think there are many people in this Body who believe it is a bad procedure. And they may be right and they may not be but we can't change it without a vote of the people. And I can see no harm speaking only for myself of making it possible to put it on the general election by 30 votes. Going through the committee will only delay it and we'll then have it out of committee probably, I don't know what the committee will do with it, and then we're going to have a discussion. Are we going to consider? We can dispose of this matter in a very few minutes if you want to do it. I think it's important enough to the Body to make a determination again, is this what we want? I will not be here. The others will be here. And I'm not trying to prevail because I have absolutely no interest except to expedite this thing if that's what you want to permit. Otherwise, go to the committee and we'll not do anything about it this year. I would think that Senator Syas would be willing to cooperate in this particular instance.

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator, then you're leaving your motion before the Body this time, the one you submitted? Is that correct?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Then the motion before us, read the motion again to make sure.

CLERK: Reads, "To place LR128 directly on General File."

PRESIDENT: Fine, that's....

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I have another motion, another notion in the back of my head which I think I ought to explain to you. There, they're somewhat tied together only insofar as procedure is concerned. I'm having a resolution prepared